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**PETITION TO ACCEPT AN UNINTENTIONALLY DELAYED
CLAIM UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 120**

Sir:

The above-referenced Application No. 09/803,630 is a continuation-in-part of Application No. 09/379,560, filed on Aug. 23, 1999, now U.S. Pat. No. 6,641,507, which is a continuation of Application No. 08/919,695, filed on Aug. 28, 1997, now U.S. Pat. No. 5,961,424. In turn, U.S. Pat. No. 5,961,424 stems from a non-provisional patent application claiming the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/038,726, filed February 18, 1997.

This Petition is filed to clarify the priority claim of present Application No. 09/803,630 to include the priority claim of Application No. 08/919,695, now U.S. Pat. No. 5,961,424, to U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/038,726. The clarified priority claim does not make a direct priority claim under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) of Application No. 09/803,630 to the provisional application. Rather, the clarified priority claim reflects that U.S. Pat. No. 5,961,424 claims priority to the provisional application. Thus, under 35 U.S.C. § 120, the priority claim for Application No. 09/803,630 begins with the provisional application. The clarified priority claim below meets the statutory requirements set forth in 35 U.S.C. §§ 119(e) and 120.

The delay in claiming priority under 37 C.F.R. § 1.78(a) was entirely unintentional. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.78(a), an Amendment adding the claim of priority to the current application accompanies this petition.

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This petition is being submitted concurrently with an Amendment and Response to the Office Action of November 1, 2005, an Information Disclosure Statement, a Terminal Disclaimer, and a petition for two-month extension of time. Accordingly, please charge Deposit account No. 04-1415 in the amount of \$2,130.00, which includes \$1,370.00 for the Petition to Accept Unintentionally Delayed Claim fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(t); \$450.00 for the two-month extension fee; \$130.00 for the terminal disclaimer fee; and \$180.00 for the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement fee. It is believed no further petitions or fees are due with respect to filing of the Petition and Amendment and Response. Should any such petitions or fees be necessary, however, please consider this a request therefor and authorization to charge Deposit Account No. 04-1415 accordingly.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests this petition to be accepted under 37 C.F.R. § 1.78(a).

If the Examiner should have any questions, please contact the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

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